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SUMMARY. ALTHOUGH CONSERVATIVE SEATS IN REGINAL ASSEMBLIES
REMAINED NEARLY CONSTANT (WHEN INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVES ARE
INCLUDED AFTER APRIL 13 ELECTION, OVERALL CONSERVATIVE
VOTE CONTINUED TO DECLINE. AS
RESULT GENERAL ELECTIONS UNLIKELY UNTIL LATE 1975 OR 1976.
END SUMMARY.

1. CONSERVATIVES (INCLUDING CONSERVATIVE INDEPENDENTS) CAPTURED
ROUGHLY SAME PERCENTAGE OF PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY SEATS IN APRIL 13
ELECTION AS THEY DID IN 1971. IN THIS THEY FARED BETTER THAN
JSP AND JCP WHICH SHOWED A SLIGHT DROP. THE DSP SHOWED SLIGHT
GAINS AND KOMEITO INCREASED ITS SEATS SHARPLY.

2. MORE IMPORTANTLY IN TERMS OF LONG TERM POPULAR VOTE TRENDS,
LDP OVERALL RECEIVED 4.6PERCENT LESS POPULAR VOTES THAN IT DID IN
1971 (GOING FROM 46.8PERCENT O 42.2PERCENT). EVEN COUNTING 1.1PERCENT
INCREASE IN

(MOSTLY CONSERVATIVE) INDEPENDENT VOTE, DECREASE WAS
SIGNIFICANT. POPULAR VOTE PERCENTAGES OF JSP AND DSP WERE
ALSO DOWN SLIGHTLY, WHILE KOMEITO AND JCP INCREASED THEIR

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VOTE BY SLIGHTLY OVER 2PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY. POPULAR VOTE IN

FIVE SLECTED URBAN AND SUBURBAN PREFECTURES SHOWED SIMILAR
TREND WITH LDP DOWN FROM EPERCENT TO 5PERCENT.

3. COMMENT. PRESS AND COMMENTATORS HERE HAVE TENDED TO
CONCENTRATE ON RESPECTABLE LDP SHOWING ON SEATS WHICH, ALONG WITH
PREFECTURAL GUBERNATORIAL RESULTS (REFTEL), HAVE GENERALLY
WORKED TO PRIME MINISTERMINKI'S CREDIT. AT THE SAME TIME THERE
IS GENERAL AWARENESS AMONG LDP REGULARS THAT POPULAR SUPPORT,
EVEN WITH ADDITION OF CONSERVATIVE INDEPENDENT VOTE,
CONTINUES TO YLINDLE -- A WORRISOME THING. EFFECT HAS BEEN
TO DAMPEN TALK OF EARLY (JUNE OR JULY 1975) GENERAL ELECTIONS.
COMMENTS REACHING US FROM ANUMBER OF RELIABLE SOURCES IN PAST
FEW DAYS NOW INDICATE THAT GENERAL ELECTIONS WILL BE CALLED IN
NOVEMBER AT EARLIEST WITH GOOD POSSIBILITY THEY WILL BE
DELAYED UNTIL 1976.
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